

# COUNTRY PROFILE

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## SURINAME

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<b>Subregion</b>	South America		
<b>Income group</b>	Upper middle income		

### PEOPLE

Population (millions) <sup>1</sup>	0.54	(2015)	0.60	(2030)
Urban <sup>2</sup>	66%	(2015)	67%	(2030)
Rural <sup>2</sup>	34%	(2015)	33%	(2030)
Population growth <sup>1</sup> (annual)	0.9%	(2015)	0.5%	(2030)
Human Development Index rank <sup>3</sup>	103/188 High human development			
Languages <sup>19</sup>	Dutch (official), English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo (Surinamese, sometimes called Taki-Taki, is native language of Creoles and much of the younger population and is lingua franca among others), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Javanese			
Religion <sup>19</sup>	Hindu 27.4%, Protestant 25.2% (predominantly Moravian), Roman Catholic 22.8%, Muslim 19.6%, indigenous beliefs 5%			
Ethnic composition <sup>19</sup>	Hindustani (also known locally as "East Indians"; their ancestors emigrated from northern India in the latter part of the 19th century) 37%, Creole (mixed white and black) 31%, Javanese 15%, "Maroons" (their African ancestors were brought to the country in the 17th and 18th centuries as slaves and escaped to the interior) 10%, Amerindian 2%, Chinese 2%, white 1%, other 2%			

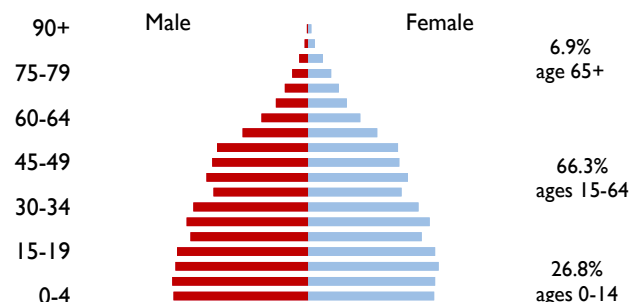
### GOVERNMENT

Capital <sup>19</sup>	Paramaribo
Government type <sup>19</sup>	Presidential republic
Head of State/Govt <sup>19</sup>	President Desire Delano BOUTERSE (since 12 August 2010)
Legislature <sup>19</sup>	Unicameral National Assembly or Nationale Assemblée
Females in Parliament <sup>4</sup>	12% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank <sup>5</sup>	88/167 (2015)
Land area (sq km) <sup>7</sup>	156,000 (2X the size of Maine)

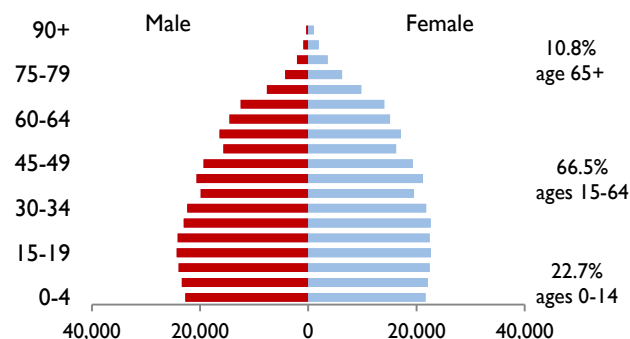
### OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) <sup>8</sup>	\$12.6 (2014)
as % of income <sup>7</sup>	0.24% (2014)
per capita <sup>18</sup>	\$23.4 (2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) <sup>8</sup>	\$-0.7 (2014)

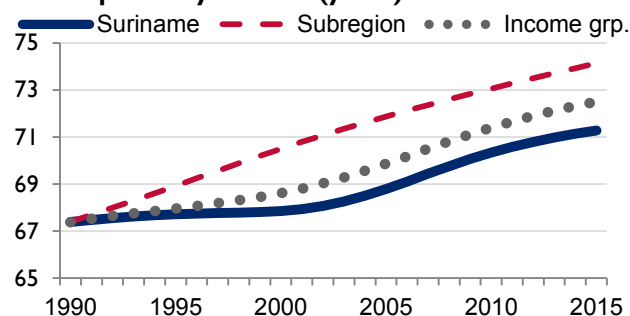
### 2015 population<sup>1</sup>



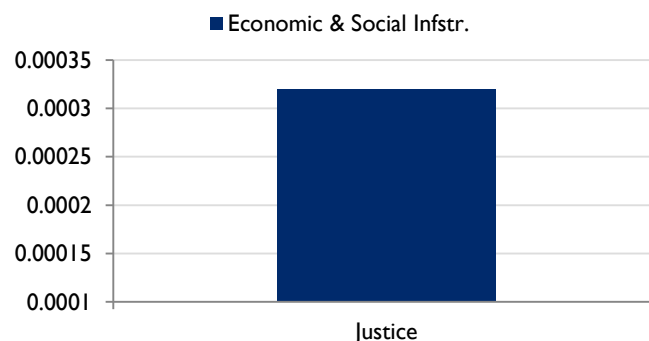
### 2030 population<sup>1</sup>



### Life expectancy at birth (years)<sup>1</sup>



### U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014<sup>18</sup>



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## EDUCATION

Completion rate, primary gross <sup>7</sup>	93.7%	(2014)
Female completion rate <sup>7</sup>	100.1%	(2014)
Male completion rate <sup>7</sup>	87.4%	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary <sup>9</sup>	14	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary <sup>9</sup>	11	(2013)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>9</sup>	n/a	
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	99%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary <sup>7</sup>	5,054	(2014)
Of which, female <sup>7</sup>	47%	(2014)
Of which, male <sup>7</sup>	53%	(2014)



## ECONOMY

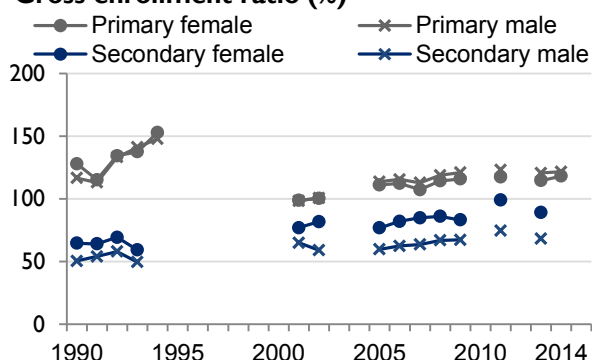
GDP (US\$ millions) <sup>7</sup>	\$4,878	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) <sup>7</sup>	1.5%	(2015)
10-year average <sup>7</sup>	3.6%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$1,490	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$1,836	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Share of income going to the poorest 20% <sup>11</sup>	3%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% <sup>11</sup>	57%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	17.9%	(2014)
Annual inflation <sup>12</sup>	6.9%	(2015)



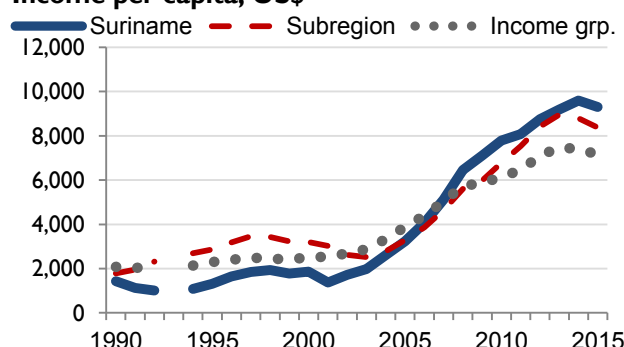
## HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) <sup>13</sup>	1.1%	(2015)
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) <sup>7</sup>	55%	(2015)
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	44	(2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	2	(2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Fertility rate (children per woman) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Modern contraceptive prevalence <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Births attended by skilled health worker <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Improved water source (% of population) <sup>4</sup>	95%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>16</sup>	3%	(2014)

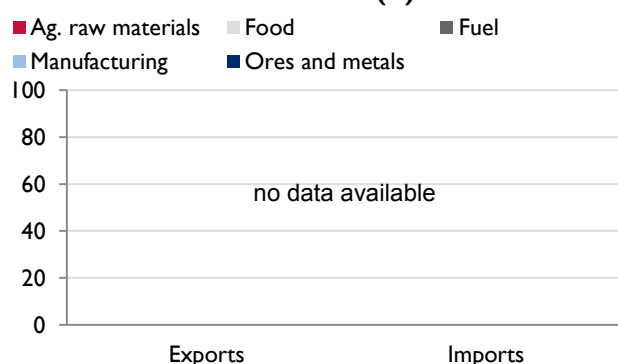
### Gross enrollment ratio (%)<sup>9</sup>



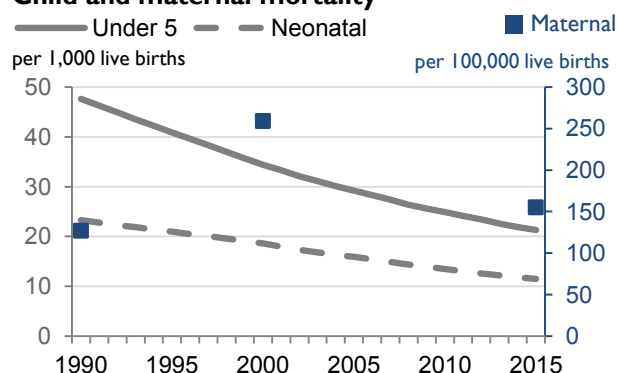
### Income per capita, US\$<sup>7</sup>



### Shares of merchandise trade (%)<sup>7</sup>



### Child and maternal mortality<sup>17,14</sup>



SOURCES: <sup>1</sup>UN, World Population Prospects; <sup>2</sup>UN, World Urbanization Prospects; <sup>3</sup>UNDP, Human Development Report; <sup>4</sup>UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; <sup>5</sup>Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; <sup>6</sup>Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; <sup>7</sup>World Bank, World Development Indicators; <sup>8</sup>OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); <sup>9</sup>UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; <sup>10</sup>IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; <sup>11</sup>Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; <sup>12</sup>IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; <sup>13</sup>UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; <sup>14</sup>WHO, World Health Statistics; <sup>15</sup>Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; <sup>16</sup>WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; <sup>17</sup>UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; <sup>18</sup>OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); <sup>19</sup>CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.